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#### SOVIET RESTRICTIONS ON U.S. TEMPORARY DUTY TRAVEL

The Soviet Union announced on October 22 that a ceiling would be placed on the numbers and amount of time spent in country by U.S. temorary duty personnel. MFA spokesman Gerasimov placed the 1985 level of U.S. TDY personnel at approximately 500. The new Soviet ceiling is to restrict the number of American TDY-ers to a number corresponding with Soviet TDY-ers on an annual basis.

According to our records, in 1985 approximately 200 Soviets traveled to their Washington embassy on TDY and 2 to their San Francisco consulate. Current figures for Soviet TDY-ers are fortunately higher. There are presently 106 Soviet TDY-ers in country with a total for the year to date of 290.

We do not yet know exactly how the Soviets intend to calculate these figures. Several forms of calculation are possible: total number of visas issued, total equivalent man/days in country, the number of TDY-ers in country at a particular time, or a combination of all three. It is also not clear whether the Soviets intend to differentiate between whether TDY travel is to the embassy or consulate.

What is clear is that we will no longer be able to continue, as in the past, to allow government agencies to send employees without restriction to the USSR on temporary duty. We have received a request from Ambassador Hartman to curtail, for the near term, all TDY travel to the USSR. We intend to place all TDY travel on hold until we can determine precisely what methods the Soviets will use to establish their ceiling and until we have established procedures to allocate the distribution of TDY opportunities between government agencies.

As we understand it, traveling exhibits, bilateral meetings with Soviet agencies and exchange visitors will not fall under the newly imposed TDY ceiling. What is at issue here is specifically temporary duty assignments to our embassy in Moscow and consulate general in San Francisco.

# SOVIFT TDY'S - Washington DC & San Francisco

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## Washington D.C.

	Construction -	94
	Official Delegations	64
	Other	40
	Total 1985	200
San	Francisco	2

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Washington D.C.	Current	Total for Year
Construction Official Delegations Other Total	81 10 11 102	182 61 <u>38</u> 281
San Francisco		
Construction Official Delegations Other Total	0 0 <u>4</u> 4	3 0 <u>6</u> <del>9</del>

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1. THE SEVERE DISLOCATION TO EMBASSY OPERATIONS BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT'S RECALL OF ALL FSN'S MAKES IT IMPERATIVE TO REDUCE IMMEDIATELY THE FLOW OF TDY VISITORS TO MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD. ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING IMMEDIATE STEPS IN WASHINGTON TO RESCHEDULE OR CANCEL ALL TDY TRAVEL TO MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD UNLESS AN APPROVAL FROM THIS MISSION HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE DEPARTMENT AFTER OCTOBER 23. WE WOULD HOPE THE DEPARTMENT CAN COORDINATE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP. HARTMAN

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OFFICIAL VISITORS TO THE SOVIET UNION

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IN ADDITION TO THE URGENT NEED TO CURTAIL THE FLOW OF TDY VISITORS TO THE EMBASSY AND CONSULATE GENERAL ALONG THE LINES DESCRIBED IN REFTEL. IT DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS WHOSE PROGRAMS AND COLLITIES. ARE UNDER MENTS COULD HAVE AN IMPACT ON OUR FACILITIES. ARE THOSE SPONSORED BY SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS BUT WHO ANTICIPATE SOME DEGREE OF SUPPORT FROM THE EMBASSY POSITION TO PROVIDE VEHICLE SUPPORT MEETING, GREETING AND ESCORTING): HOTEL RESERVATION AND SNACK BAR OR COMMISSARY SUPPORT; AND SO FORTH. HOSTED BY SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS WILL HAVE TO ENSURE. SUPPORT IS BEING PROVIDED BY THE SOVIET SIDE. FOR SUPPORT SIDE. SUPPORT IS BEING PROVIDED BY THE SOVIET SIDE. FOR ARRANGEMENTS: CHECK-CASHING FACILITIES: DELEGATIONS AND OFFICIAL VISITORS AT ALL LEVELS BEFORE EMBARKING ON TRAVEL TO THE USSR, THAT TOTAL SUPPORT IS BEING PROVIDED BY THE SOVIET SIDE. FOR ARRANGEMENTS WITH ONLY NOMINAL SOVIET HOSTING. TRAVEL AGENCIES WITH CONNECTIONS TO INTOURIST AND OTHER SIMILAR SOVIET TRAVEL ORGANIZATIONS.

- 2. COUNTRY CLEARANCE FROM THE AMBASSADOR CONTINUES TO BE REQUIRED FOR ALL OFFICIAL VISITORS.
- 3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT CIRCULATING ABOVE INFORMATION TO ALL USG AGENCIES WITH PROGRAMS AND EXCHANGES IN THE USSR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HARTMAN